ന്നെ സംബന്ധിച്ചു അധികം പണം ഇപ്പോൾ ചിലവാക്കിക്കൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്നതു കൊണ്ടു തിരുവനന്തപുരത്തെ വാട്ടർവക്ക്സ് തീർന്നതിൽ പിന്നീടു മാത്രമെ ആലപ്പുഴയുടെ കാര്യത്തെപ്പറ്റി ആലോചിക്കാൻ തരമൊള്ളു.

കന്നുകാലികൾക്കായി മേച്ചിൽ സ്ഥലം ഒഴിച്ചിടുന്ന കാര്യത്തെപ്പറ്റി മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റിയിൽ നിന്നും ഗവണ്മെൻറിലേക്കു എഴുതിവന്നിട്ടില്ല. മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റിയിൽ നിന്നും എഴുതി അയപ്പിക്കാൻ നോക്കണം. ഏതോ ഒരു സ്ഥലമുണ്ടു്, അതിനെ കന്നുകാലിമേച്ചിൽ സ്ഥലമായി ഉപയോഗിച്ചാൽമതിയെന്നു പറഞ്ഞു. അതിനെപ്പറ്റി അന്വേഷിക്കാം.

നിങ്ങളുടെ ഒടുവിലത്തെ പായിൻറു പുത്തനായിട്ടു റോഡുവേണമെന്നാണു്. അതിനെ റോഡുബോർഡിൽഅയക്കാം.

[The prayer for opening a women's hospital at Alleppey is an old one. Though the Government have not yet decided the question whether such a hospital is necessary or not, they are enquiring whether a proper site for the purpose is available or not. Pending decision of the main question, a lady Sub-Assistant Surgeon has been posted to the Alleppey hospital.

In regard to the allegation that portions of the pay-ward are not used for the purpose for which they are intended, the Inspecting Medical Officer will be asked to inspect the hospital and make a report. If it is found that the allegation is true, the defect pointed out will be removed.

As for water supply in Alleppey, there is some correspondence on the subject between the Government and the Municipal Council. The Municipal Council is not prepared to invest any money on the scheme. So far as the Government are concerned, they are spending a large amount on the Trivandrum Water Supply Scheme ; and until it is completed, it is not possible to take up the Alleppey Water Supply Scheme.

In regard to the provision of grazing grounds, the Municipal Council has not yet addressed the Government. The Council should therefore be moved to take up the question. It has been stated that some place is available for being used as a grazing ground. This will be enquired into.

The last point about the opening of a new road will be referred to the Road Board.]

109. Some problems of the Alleppey Municipal Council

MR. M. S. ANIRUDHAN (*Municipal, Council Alleppey*) said that the maintenance of roads situated within the Municipality consumed a major portion of the municipal revenue. The income derived by the Municipality from the levy of tolls was comparatively smaller

than the income so realised by other municipalities. Though the municipalities of Quilon and Nagercoil also levied tolls, the roads within those towns were maintained at the cost of Government. Besides, difficulties were bound to arise if the roads, canals and bridges within the same area were placed under the control of different agencies. The roads in the Alleppey town should therefore be taken over by Government for maintenance.

The sandy lanes in the town should be gravelled. The Arattuvazhi and Pulayanvazhi roads should be gravelled and made fit for cart traffic.

Government should make some arrangements at the earliest opportunity for the supply of good water in the town. They should also take up the electrification of the town, as the Municipality was short of funds.

A well-qualified Health Offfcer should be appointed at Alleppey.

The Police force at Alleppey should be strengthened for the proper detection and prevention of crimes. A traffic police should also be instituted as, with the opening of new road communications, traffic had increased enormously in the town.

A Sanitary Engineer should be lent to the Municipality for devising a proper drainage system.

The Municipality stood in need of a site for the purpose of laying out a public garden. The Palace ground might be handed over to the Municipality. The existence of a garden in the premises of the Palace would not interfere with the convenience of Royal personages who might reside there.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Anirudhan, as I said in reply to the representation made by a previous member, I am myself aware of the inequalities that now exist as between the several municipalities as regards the maintenance of roads and the levy of tolls; and, as I told that member, I am considering the whole question in a comprehensive manner, and I expect I shall be able to pass orders soon.

Your second point was about the gravelling of sandy lanes. If that is taken up as a municipal work, then, of course, no reference to Government will be necessary. But if you want that work to be taken up at the expense of the general revenues, it will have to be referred to the Road Board after it is constituted.

MEMBER: My request is that 50 per cent of the cost should be met by Government under the rules. If that is done, is the reference necessary?

DEWAN: In that case you must move the Municipal Council. If they are willing to bear the contribution which under the rules, they have to bear, then they may address the Government. You should in the first instance move the Council. After a formal communication from the Municipality is received, Government will consider the question.

As regards gravelling the Arattuvazhi and the Pulayanvazhi roads, the subject was represented by a previous member, and I have already replied to him.

So also with regard to water supply at Alleppey. All that you said was that some arrangements should be made as early as possible. I have already replied to that point.

As regards the electrification of the town, as I have already told some members, who represented the need for electrifying their towns, some of the towns are taking up electric supply schemes and your municipality itself has taken up the scheme, and has asked for the services of the Electrical Engineer for investigation of the scheme; and the Government have agreed to lend his services for that purpose. The terms under which his services should be lent are under correspondence, and will be settled soon.

MEMBER: May I know if any fund can be diverted for the scheme?

DEWAN: We are only having a preliminary investigation. For that itself the Council has asked for the services of the Electrical Engineer. That question is under correspondence. Subsequent questions will be considered as they arise.

You want a Health Officer to be appointed for Alleppey. That again is a matter in which the Council has to move. The Council has not addressed Government on the matter.

You spoke about the strengthening of the Police force at Alleppey. That is a matter which the Police Commissioner had promised to take up along with the re-allocation of the police force. His report is now ready. It will be considered and by Government and orders passed.

The appointment of a Sanitary Engineer for your municipality is rather a big thing. You may know that even the Travancore Government has not got a Sanitary Engineer. You want Government to lend a Sanitary Engineer. But we have not got a separate Sanitary Engineer. In regard to the drainage of the town, it seems to me that that is a matter in which the Council can take action and might get expert advice, if they think that is necessary and formulate a drainage scheme. Having got a drainage scheme, it can be worked out by our own Engineers here.

As regards a public garden, I do not think there is much use in fighting for the surrender to you of the Palace maidan. After careful consideration, Government intimated to the Council the impossibility of handing over that ground for being converted into a public playground. It seems to me that the best thing for the Council to do is to find out another site and address Government on that.

110. Needs of the Ambalapuzha taluk.

MR. S. VEERAIAH REDDIYAR (*Ambalapuzha taluk, Group II*) said that the reconstruction of the bridges was urgently required but not being attended to.